

House Resolution No. 66

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the life of one of St. Louis County's finest citizens; and

Whereas, William H. "Bill" Allen, an esteemed resident of Chesterfield, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Fiftieth Birthday on February 16, 2002, in the company of those he holds most dear; and

Whereas, a 1986 graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he earned his M.S. degree in Journalism, Bill Allen currently serves as Associate Director of the Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources, an independent, non-profit journalism foundation based in Washington, D.C., and Missoula, Montana, that operates expedition-style learning programs for environmental and science journalists and encourages higher standards of accuracy, context, depth, and fairness; and

Whereas, Bill Allen is the proud recipient of many awards and honors for his achievements that include the 1998 United Engineering Foundation and American Association of Engineering Societies Engineering Journalism Award, as well as several state and local awards from interest groups including the American Diabetes Association, Arthritis Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation, the Sierra Club, and the Coalition for Prison Justice; and

Whereas, a member of the National Advisory Boards for Environment Hawaii and Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources, Bill Allen is a renowned author whose book "Green Phoenix: Restoring the Tropical Forests of Guanacaste, Costa Rica", received much literary acclaim; and

Whereas, Bill Allen is exceedingly proud of his active affiliation with various professional organizations including the National Association of Science Writers, the Society of Environmental Journalists, Investigative Reporters and Editors, and the Society of Professional Journalists, of which he served as president of the St. Louis Chapter from 1994 to 1995; and

Whereas, Bill Allen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Debbie; and his three children, Katie, a sophomore at Truman State University; John, a junior at Parkway Central High School; and Robyn, a freshman at Parkway Central High School;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Bill Allen as he proudly celebrates his Fiftieth Birthday, and in wishing him peace and prosperity as he continues his journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for William H. Allen.

Offered by _____
Representative Joan Bray
District No. 84

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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